

small list of women in the U.S. Service, and only the second flight nurse to receive this award.

Her courageous efforts, among many others last year, resulted in hundreds of lives being saved. Major Lunning embodies the courage and dedication we all want as a servicemember for our country. Her tireless efforts and commitment to providing safety to critically injured and ill patients in times of need is a testament to how dedicated Major Lunning is to be serving her country. She deserves the utmost admiration and recognition for her continuous efforts in having provided high quality service by monitoring, stabilizing, and treating patients in transit.

It is with great pleasure and honor I recognize Major Lunning for her outstanding efforts in saving and evacuating civilians and military members from Afghanistan. Her service to this country shows the courage, bravery, and sacrifice it takes to enter the unknown with great risk to her own life to save civilians and military members in dangerous environments. I express my deepest sense of gratitude for her valiant service to our Nation and those worldwide.

HONORING WILLIAM “JOE JOE”
DICKSON

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William “Joe Joe” Dickson for the building security service he has provided to Virginia’s Seventh Congressional District Office over the past 8 years.

Since 2014, Mr. Dickson has ensured the safety and security for 3 Members of Congress, including myself, and my predecessors Representative Eric Cantor and Representative Dave Brat. In his role, he has kept a watchful eye on our offices and our staff, allowing us to safely focus on serving the constituents of the Seventh Congressional District.

Mr. Dickson consistently and selflessly goes above and beyond his job description to ensure that my district staff and constituents are safe and feel welcome when entering our office building. He has become a friend to us all, greeting my staff each morning with a smile. His jovial nature and compassion for my team is evidence that he has genuine care for the well-being of those around him.

His dedicated protection and service to the office of the Seventh Congressional District is well deserving of commendation and celebration. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking William “Joe Joe” Dickson on his 8 years of service to the Seventh Congressional District.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL
STAFF OF THE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON THE CLIMATE
CRISIS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the service and dedication of the majority professional staff of the Select Committee of the Climate Crisis. As any Member of Congress knows, the unsung heroes are those working behind the scenes. With little fanfare and recognition, the long hours and personal sacrifices our staff makes are indispensable to the success of a Member or committee.

For the last 4 years, I have had the distinct pleasure to serve as Chair for this Select Committee. During this time, I have been fortunate to have worked with so many talented individuals.

Our professional staff comes from all backgrounds, spanning the gamut of personal and professional experiences. This staff banded together as a team, and their record of success speaks for itself.

From Day 1, this team took to heart the words of Speaker NANCY PELOSI, that this Select Committee was not just an academic exercise but intended to deliver a roadmap of real policy achievements to tackle the challenge of a generation. Behind the scenes, the Select Committee staff built bridges to work closely with the incredible staffs of all the standing committees in the Congress, they reached across the spectrum of outside groups and advisors to foster new partnerships and forge compromise, while keeping our goals at the forefront of policy. In many ways the team served as a climate think tank for House Democrats, identifying “Climate Wins” and expanding the understanding of the climate crisis in all areas of policy and legislation.

As a result of their tireless work, the majority staff released a groundbreaking 2020 Climate Crisis Action Plan that has been called the most comprehensive climate policy plan ever in U.S. politics, which included a suite of 715 policy recommendations. And just this month, at the end of our tenure, the staff released a new report, Solving the Climate Crisis 2022: Key Accomplishments and Additional Opportunities. This 2nd report outlines the enormous record of success and progress, noting the more than 300 recommendations from 2020 that are now codified into federal law, the 430 plus that have passed the House under Speaker PELOSI’s leadership, and outlining the necessary steps forward in future years for the Congress to continue to tackle the climate crisis.

The staff always had as its compass that solving the climate crisis must be guided by science, rooted in justice, and powered by American workers. Undoubtedly their work will help make communities more resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis, create good-paying local jobs, slash energy bills, uplift disadvantaged communities, and position America to lead the emerging clean economy.

I would like to take a moment to specifically recognize our majority staff director, Dr. Ana

Unruh Cohen. Over the better part of the last 20 years, Ana has dedicated her work in the Congress to tackling the climate crisis, both in the House and Senate. Her deep knowledge of policy, collaborative spirit, and sharp political awareness was critical to the Select Committee’s effectiveness and success. Her tireless leadership is an inspiration for us all.

I would also like to recognize all our staffers, past and present, during the 116th and 117th Congresses:

Alison L. Cassidy, Deputy Staff Director.
Eric S. Fins, Deputy Staff Director.
Fatima Maria Ahmad, Senior Counsel.
Loyle Campbell, Rosenthal International Relations Fellow.
Grace Chan, Professional Staff.
Sydney Devitt, Digital Assistant.
Ebadullah Ebadi, Policy Assistant.
Melvin Félix, Communications Director.
Javier Gamboa, Senior Professional Staff.
Dana Gansman, Clerk and Director of Operations.
Jacob Hicks, Digital Director.
Aaron Huertas, Communications Director.
Rebecca Jablonski-Diehl, Senior Professional Staff.
Mackenzie L. Landa, Counsel.
Jakob Lindaas, Ph.D., Professional Staff.
Raleigh L. Martin, Ph.D., AGI/AAAS Congressional Science Fellow.
Samantha A. Medlock, CFM, Senior Counsel.
Mariah A. Morrison, Digital Production Specialist.
Sebastian Pons, Staff Assistant.
Zachary D. Pritchard, Ph.D., ASME Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow.
Abigail Regitsky, Ph.D., Professional Staff.
Rachel St. Louis, Operations and Press Assistant.
In addition, the Select Committee benefited from the support and wisdom of Kenneth Russell DeGraff, Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker PELOSI.
Thank you is not enough. These staffers have heeded the call to service, and for that I, and the American people, are eternally grateful. As this Select Committee comes to a close and the staff turns to their next chapter, I have no doubt they will continue to work every day to make a difference and be successful in whatever they turn to next.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON DEREK
WILLIAMS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2022 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Brandon Derek Williams, Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force, of Euless, Texas for the honorable service he performed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Williams enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 2001, serving as an aerospace maintenance specialist working on numerous large aircraft, like the C-5 and C-17. While stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base he supported